

AUSTRO-GERMAN DRIVE IS HALTED

VIENNA CLAIMS 12,000 ALLIED WAR PRISONERS

Austro-Hungarian Official Statement Tells of Gains at Capo Sile — Entente Officials Not Yet Certain of Enemy Strategy—No Americans Fighting in Italy.

(Associated Press.) Vienna, June 17.—The number of Italian and allied prisoners captured by the Austro-Hungarian forces in their new offensive on the northern Italian front have been increased to 12,000, the Austro-Hungarian official statement issued today says. The Austrians have captured Capo Sile, on the southern end of the Piave line, on the west side of the river, and also have captured ground to the west of San Dona Di Piave, the statement adds.

Meager Details Received. (Associated Press.) Washington, June 17.—The Austrian drive on the Italian front already shows marked signs of failure, in the opinion of officials here. The advances achieved in the initial assault, necessarily the most powerful attack in any offensive, are so limited as to indicate that the Austrians virtually had been

"BONE DRY" LAW WOULD PUT END WINE INDUSTRY

Californian Defends Drinking. Jones Amendment Attacked and Supported.

(International News Service.) Washington, June 17.—Enactment of "bone-dry" prohibition for the period of the grapes used in the wine-making industry, valued at \$200,000,000 in California alone, Representative Julius Kahn told the senate agriculture committee this afternoon at the opening of hearings on the Jones amendment.

Mr. Kahn said the wine growers in California are already beginning to liquidate their business in anticipation of the adoption of the Sheppard national-wide prohibition amendment to the constitution. They should be given time, he insisted, to save their property from total loss.

Rev. E. C. Dinwiddie, legislative representative of the anti-saloon league, made a brief statement, declaring his belief that the Jones amendment was constitutional. Senator Norris, of Nebraska, a "dry," was inclined to differ with him.

John J. Kearney, of Boston, representing union hotel employees and bartenders, pleaded with the committee not to recommend the Jones amendment. He declared the food conservation amendment of the prohibitionists was only "camouflage" and that it would throw thousands of workmen out of employment.

Representative Kahn pointed out that the bulk of the grapes used in wine making had no food value. He said the wine growers had invested \$100,000,000 in anticipation of this year's crop. The Jones amendment, he said, would not only wipe out investment but would make the entire crop this year worthless.

Mr. Kahn defended wine drinking. He pointed out that a wine ration was supplied to the French and Italian armies. The British army gives its men a rum ration every day, he said.

"And they seem to give pretty good account of themselves as fighters," he added.

GERMANY UNDER THUMB OF VON HINDENBURG

(International News Service.) London, June 17.—Reports of grave riots in Vienna have resulted in an unprecedented shrinkage of the value of the Austrian crown on the Dutch bourse, said an Amsterdam dispatch to the Express today.

Dutch bourses also have reports of serious trouble brewing between Vienna and Berlin, as Austria wishes an immediate statement of peace terms as the only step conducive to negotiations. Germany, under the thumb of Von Hindenburg, who wishes to await the result of the western offensive in hope of forcing harsher terms, it was stated.

It is now understood that the recent visit of Baron Rupan, the Austrian foreign minister, to Berlin, was mostly devoted to the peace talks problem. The shortness of the trip indicated that he found the Germans obedient to Hindenburg's voice.

The political crisis in the dual monarchy continues. The Polish party, having a majority, is said to have compelled Premier von Seydler to hand in his resignation again. If the emperor does not accept it the Austrian government will have to refrain from assembling parliament. The position of the government is seriously menaced, as it is difficult to find a new premier sanctioned by Germany.

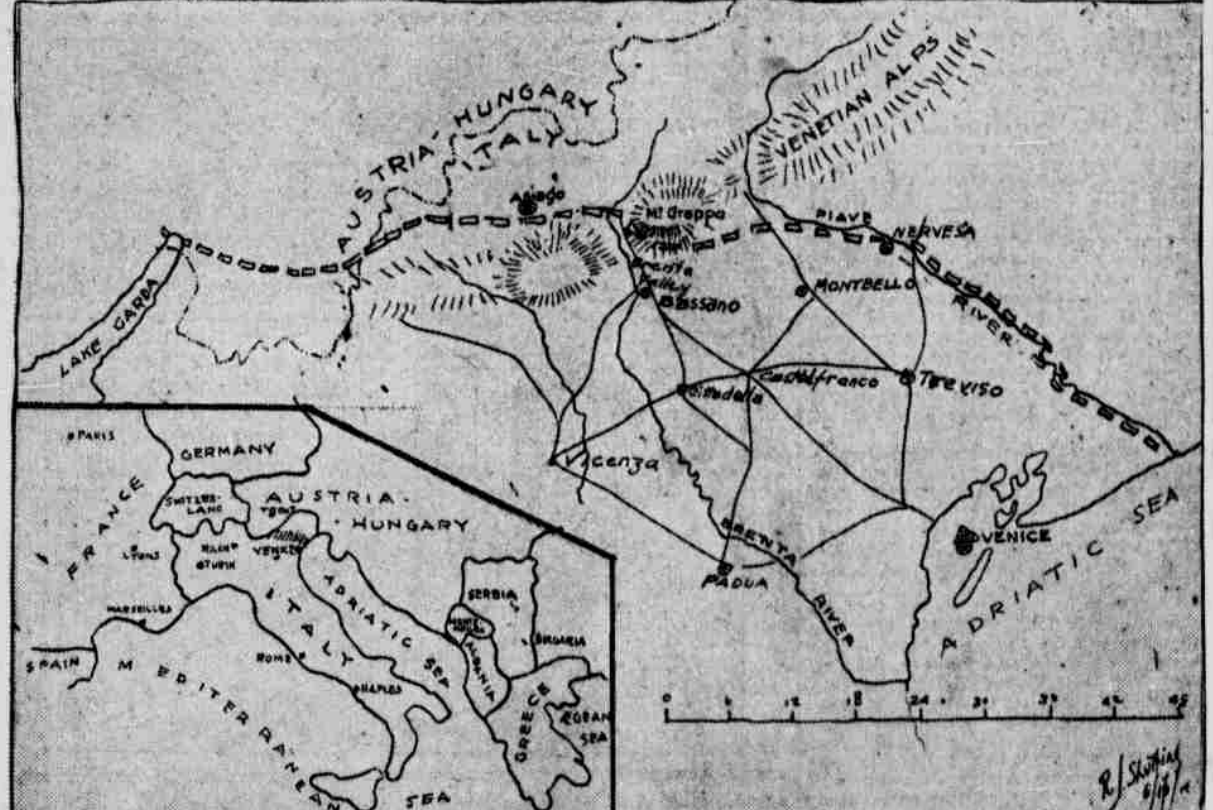
FIRE THREATENS WHOLE TENEMENT HOUSE SECTION

(International News Service.) Lawrence, Mass., June 17.—The tenement house section of Lawrence is threatened with destruction by one of the worst fires in the history of the city which broke out here this afternoon. Three alarms were sounded.

PRESIDENT WILSON MADE MEMBER OF FRENCH ACADEMY

(Associated Press.) Paris, June 15.—President Wilson, former Premier Salandra, of Italy, and Cardinal Mercier, prime minister of Belgium, were unanimously elected today to the French academy of Moral and Political Sciences.

Crescent-Shaped Battle Line in Northern Italy Where Violent Fighting Is in Progress



AVIATORS KILLED BY FALL AT CLARKSDALE

Lieut. Kellar and Sergt. Chapman Were Flying From Memphis to Camp Shelby.

Jackson, Miss., June 17.—Lieut. Kellar and Sergt. Eugene Chapman, of Park field, near Memphis, were both killed today when their machine dropped one hundred feet at Clarksdale, Miss. They were flying from Park field to Camp Shelby, Miss., and were to stop here this afternoon, where Sergt. Chapman's mother lives.

Mrs. Chapman was awaiting at the fair grounds here for her son's machine when the news of his death reached her. Once before Sergt. Chapman and Lieut. Kellar had tried to come to Jackson and their machine was wrecked in Meridian. Lieut. Kellar was from California.

VIEW OUTCOME ENEMY OFFENSIVE HOPEFULLY

London Papers See Connection Between New Drive and Internal Strife in Austria.

(Associated Press.) London, June 17.—The outcome of the Austrian offensive is viewed hopefully, even confidently, by the newspapers here. This view is based on the staunch resistance of the allied defensive and the failure of the enemy to make anything like a big success in his initial advance. It is admitted that some days must pass before the results of the fighting on such a great scale can correctly be judged but the conviction is firmly expressed in several quarters that it will end in failure for the enemy.

"Failure," says the Daily News, "on the first day of these attacks as conducted on the modern German plan has hitherto been fatal, as in the case of Vimy ridge, and in the present case the fact of failure can hardly be doubted."

PREPARING FOR MORE PRISONERS AT STOCKADE

Renewed building activity in the German prison camp is a prelude to the coming of 2,000 new German prisoners to be transferred from Hot Springs, N. C., to Oglethorpe.

The space north of the present cantonments is piled with lumber and clatters with workmen. The buildings planned are large two-story houses capable of housing several hundred prisoners each. A number of the prisoners are being used on the job.

It is probable that this work may have had its effect on the epidemic of attempted escapes in the prison camp. The big piles of lumber scattered over the yard would form admirable stalking posts for a jail delivery.

American Ace Made Prisoner by Germans

Fort Wayne, Ind., June 17.—Lieut. Paul Frank Baer, the American ace, is a prisoner in a German camp, according to telegrams received here today by the aviator's mother from the war department. An Associated Press dispatch from Paris on May 27 stated that the lieutenant had been missing since May 22.

Lieut. Baer is 22 years old and enlisted in the Lafayette escadrille, being transferred to the American forces later. He had a record of bringing down eight enemy planes, two of them in one day.

MEMBERS OF BULGARIAN CABINET HAVE RESIGNED

(International News Service.) London, June 17.—The Bulgarian cabinet has resigned, precipitating a cabinet crisis, according to information received from Sofia today.

FRENCH TROOPS IMPROVE LINES

In Local Operation Northwest of Hautebraye Between Oise and Aisne.

100 PRISONERS ARE TAKEN

British in Successful Raid East of Arras—Germans Are Repulsed Near Givenchy.

(Associated Press.) Paris, June 17.—The French troops improved their positions north and northwest of Hautebraye, between the Oise and the Aisne, in a local operation early today. One hundred prisoners and some machine guns were captured, says the official statement issued today.

German attacks were repulsed in the Cavares wood and in the Vosges. The statement reads:

"Between the Oise and the Aisne the French succeeded in carrying out early today a local operation which resulted in improvement of the French positions north and northwest of Hautebraye. The French took 100 prisoners and captured several machine guns. In the Cavares wood and in the Vosges our troops repulsed enemy surprise attacks. There is nothing to report from the rest of the front."

700 AUSTRO-GERMAN PRISONERS CAPTURED

(International News Service.) On the Italian Front, June 17.—The British fighting with the Italians in the southwestern theater of war have captured 700 Austro-German prisoners and four cannon.

The losses inflicted by the British since the Austrian offensive began Saturday morning have been six times as heavy as they sustained themselves.

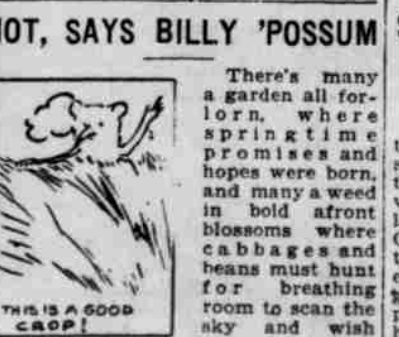
British airmen have bombed and destroyed seven bridges spanning the Piave river.

REBELLIOUS NATIVES IN MOROCCO DEFEATED

Paris, June 17.—Official advices were received today from Gen. Aubert at Rabat, Morocco, that the rebellious natives operating against the French have been driven from a series of heights and that this success insures the continuation of the work of uniting Morocco and Algeria by a trade route through the Innouen valley.

HOT, SAYS BILLY 'POSSUM

There's many a garden all forlorn, where springtime promises and hopes were born, and many a weed in bold affront beams and blossoms hunt for breathing room to scan the sky and wish some lusty hoer would pass by. Such are the promises of overcasten spring, such are the fruits that unkept promises must bring. Hoe! Hoe! and a bottle of saraparilla. The weather? Too hot for any use and continued fair.



GEN. WOOD IS MADE COMMANDER OF FUNSTON

Orders Detailing Him as Commander of Department of West Revoked.

(International News Service.) Washington, June 17.—Orders directing Gen. Leonard A. Wood to take command of the department of the west, at San Francisco, have been revoked and substitute orders issued, directing him to remain at Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kan., in command. This announcement was made this afternoon by Secretary of War Baker.

The serving of the orders now revoked on the very eve of Gen. Wood's slated departure for France with troops he had trained brought forth many protests from Gen. Wood's friends and his own appeal to the president for a reconsideration.

"HONORABLE PEACE" OFFERED TO ITALY

Premier Orlando Tells of Central Powers' Terms—Slavs Disaffected.

(International News Service.) Washington, June 17.—The central powers recently offered Italy an "honorable peace" which was refused. Premier Orlando informed the Italian chamber of deputies, according to a dispatch from Gen. Wood's friends, including a battalion commander, were captured. The German officer was asked what he thought of the tanks and he replied: "They are supermen."

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Tanks moving in the direction of St. Maur advanced to a point 400 yards from the village while the infantry consolidated behind them.

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"My own machine was unavailable at the moment, but I borrowed another," said an officer. "A shell hit one of the tanks and there was nothing to do but desert. Another car stood by, just like a ship at sea, and took off the crew of the disabled tank amidst a howl of rifle and machine gun bullets."

DENIES ILL-TREATMENT AMERICANS IN GERMANY

(Associated Press.) Amsterdam, June 17.—American war prisoners are not being ill treated in Germany, says a dispatch telegraphed to Amsterdam by the semi-official Wolff bureau in Berlin.

The prisoners, it is declared, are not used as show objects to the German public and are not subjected to insults and the throwing of stones, which is "foreign to the calm-tempered German mind, which does not excite itself any how over a few Americans in the midst of so many thousands of war prisoners of all nationalities."

Adequate food "on a scale corresponding to the present conditions in Germany" is not lacking in the camps where American prisoners are quartered.

SECRETARY DANIELS DEFENDS PADGETT

(International News Service.) Washington, June 17.—Secretary of the Navy Daniels this afternoon came strongly to the defense of Representative Padgett, chairman of the house naval affairs committee, attacked by Allan R. Hawley, president of the Aero Club of America, as having blocked the extension of the naval aerial project. The secretary said that Mr. Padgett has done everything the navy department has requested and at no time has done anything to block its plans.

Mr. Hawley is misinformed, the secretary said, explaining that the \$30,000,000 addition to the naval appropriation bill was not in the bill when it left the house committee because at that time the navy did not see how it could possibly spend that much more.

Attempt Pincer Movement

Struggle on Italian Front Assumes Gigantic Proportions.

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 17.—An official dispatch from Rome at 11:55 o'clock last night says the battle on the Italian front will assume gigantic proportions, the Austrians attempting to break down the Italian defense by a great pincer movement. It adds that the battle will last several days before a decision is reached.

TANKS PAVE WAY FOR VICTORY

Traveling Land Forts Advance Ahead of Infantry, Demolishing German Positions.

WITH FRONTAL BARRAGE

Troops and Tanks Cross Boche Line in Less Than Two Hours Despite Desperate Defense.

(By Gordon Knox.) (International News Service.) With the French army, June 17.—Tanks paved the way for a French victory in the Mery-Belloy wood sector of the Montdidier-Oise front. The story of how these traveling land forts demolished German positions as they rolled forward was told when I visited tank headquarters after the fighting.

In the Mery zone tanks advanced ahead of the infantry, firing a frontal barrage while artillery concentrated upon the tank positions. As the tanks advanced in close formation through Mery and beyond, the deadly destruction wrought by the guns could be seen. Heaps of dead could be seen, and the tanks achieved their objective. The tanks achieved their objective. The tanks achieved their objective. The tanks achieved their objective.

"As the German positions were unmasked we silenced their batteries with our heavier guns and moved down the line, waiting for the Hun to cover. The enemy was grumpy, but we were too much for them. Our infantry was then able to advance the next day with a smaller detachment of tanks. In their further advance, 300 prisoners, including a battalion commander, were captured. The German officer was asked what he thought of the tanks and he replied: "They are supermen."

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SUBMARINES PREYING ON UNPROTECTED CRAFT

(Associated Press.) Washington, June 17.—Apparently avoiding the lines of convoyed flotillas bound overseas, German submarines which began operations in American waters, May 25, are continuing their attacks on unprotected craft. Their latest victims were a sailing craft, the Norwegian Kingskjaer and the Samoa, which were sent down some ninety miles off the Virginia coast. Details of the sinking of the Kingskjaer still were awaited today at the navy department. First information that this vessel had been destroyed came in a brief radio dispatch late last night from an American warship which had picked up all the survivors.

Twenty vessels—eleven sailing craft and nine steamers—are now known to have been sunk by the raiders. Six of these were Norwegian, one British and the remainder American.

Mrs. Adolphus Busch's Property Ordered Seized

Washington, June 17.—All the property in this country of Mrs. Adolphus Busch, of St. Louis, valued at millions of dollars, was ordered seized today by Alien Property Custodian Palmer.

Mrs. Busch has recently been in Germany and is now in Cuba en route to the United States.

BEAM CUT IN BRIDGE; CAUSED TRUCK WRECK

(International News Service.) Atlanta, June 17.—All the soldiers injured in yesterday's accident when a motor truck crashed through Steele's bridge over the Etowah river, killing three and injuring fifteen, are considered out of danger today. The most seriously injured is Corp. Sam M. Smith, of New York, who, physicians state, this afternoon will recover. All the occupants of the ill-fated truck were from the northeast.

Reports that the bridge had been tampered with are being investigated. It was said that a wooden beam which gave way under the truck had been sawed and then light boards nailed over the cut.

AMERICANS FACE TERRIFIC FIRE

Sammies Display Brilliant Valor During Bombardment on Toul Sector.

ONRUSH OF HUNS CHECKED

Many French Civilians Killed by Shelling of Village—Individual Incidents of Bravery.

(By Newton C. Parke, International News Staff Correspondent.) With the American Army in France, June 16.—Three platoons of fighting Americans, standing bravely by their guns under the most terrific bombardment the Toul sector has known in many weeks, fought to a standstill a vastly superior German attacking force in an encounter at Xivray this morning.

With our artillery giving wonderful co-operation the Germans were completely repulsed as they were on May 26 when they were driven back without taking a single prisoner.

As in the attack of May 26 the assault was made by storm troops brought up for this fight and they were under orders to take Americans at any cost. But the boches were compelled to return to their own lines badly cut up and empty-handed as well.

Our artillerymen deserve great credit for their part in defeating the boches. Before the attack was made artillery observers reported what they first thought to be a large German working party in no man's land and signaled to the gunners to lay down a barrage.

Instantly our guns criss-crossed "no man's land" with a line of fire, our barrage being laid down just three minutes before the German barrage opened.

It is certain that the German forces can be estimated at 600 men and that they suffered heavy loss as the Huns lay outside of their barbed-wire, waiting to follow up their own barrage with an attack. As the German barrage moved up to the outskirts of Xivray our machine guns played streams of fire through the barbed wire, nearly everywhere this stopped the Hun rush completely. However, a few boches that were leading, poured through a gap in the entanglements, dodging behind ruined buildings in Xivray where they had hoped to find a hiding place.

Of the German officers among the six prisoners taken, one showed fight and was wounded. A small party of Germans tried to rush our troops but every one of them was wiped out.

While the street fighting was going on two Germans seized a wounded American and tried to carry him off. Lieut. Doane interrupted and drove off both boches, who dropped the wounded American in their flight.

Another American in the fight, captured by the Germans was turned over to one boche, who led him to the German barbed wire. There the wounded man suddenly drew a pistol and forced the Hun to fight about face to the American lines.

The killing and wounding of many French civilians outside of a church in a village behind the lines was the most pathetic incident of the bombardment.

Since the Seicheprey fight there have been no shells thrown into villages several miles in the rear of the Toul front. Consequently the villages in question were crowded full of civilians, mostly old persons and children. Many of these had gathered upon the church steps and were conversing after mass when a big shell burst, causing numerous casualties.

After the wounded American was continued to shell villages in the rear of the American lines throughout Sunday. Our artillery replied and the calm of the sunny June Sabbath was broken all day by the growling of the big guns.

It is now believed that, after the failure of the Germans to take prisoners in the raid against our trenches on May 26 the German command brought up some special storm troops, although among the men taken today were members of the Thirty-sixth Landwehr, which has been opposite us for some time.

Two days ago a German troop train arrived behind the front and attempts were made to conceal the destination of several hundred troops by throwing up huge clouds of smoke. These troops were probably the same as took part in this morning's attack.

It is believed that the German high command is extremely anxious to ascertain if there has been any change in the situation on the Toul front, especially whether the same American forces is there or if it has been sent westward and replaced by another American unit.

Crew of Norwegian Bark Torpedoed Picked Up

Lowes, Del., June 17.—Twenty of the crew of the Norwegian bark Kringsjaer were picked up at sea and landed here this afternoon. The men left on a late train presumably for New York. No details could be obtained from the survivors. The Kringsjaer was sunk by a German U-boat about ninety miles off the Virginia coast.

Decides to Undertake Adjustment of Stock

Washington, June 17.—Joint Chairman Taft and Walsh, of the war labor board, announced today they had decided to undertake adjustment of the threatened strike of 20,000 employees of the General Electric company at Schenectady, N. Y., who are demanding higher pay and shorter hours. A strike vote has been held up pending the board's action.